



U.S. ARMY CHEMICAL MATERIALS AGENCY

State and Local Response

Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program

If a tornado hit your town today or a flood threatened, your community would respond with all of the personnel, services and materials it could muster.

In communities near this country's seven stockpiles of chemical warfare agents and obsolete chemical munitions, emergency preparedness includes the readiness to respond to a stockpile accident.

What To Expect In A Stockpile Emergency

If a chemical stockpile accident threatens your community:

- The Army installation commander will immediately notify community officials;
- Loud speakers, roving police cars and the Emergency Alert System may be used, in conjunction with sirens and tone alert radios, to warn you and tell you what protective actions to take;
- Command and control of the community's emergency response efforts will be directed and coordinated with those of the installation and the various agencies and jurisdictions involved from an emergency operations center;
- Local emergency responders (police, fire and emergency medical services) will direct and control traffic and perform other functions to assist residents;
- State, federal and private individuals and agencies will join the response to perform specific functions and provide aid, as called out in the emergency plans;
- A Joint Information System will coordinate information from the various responding agencies and issue emergency information to, and answer questions from, the public and the media;

- If evacuation is called for, you'll be told what routes to take and the locations of centers that will provide food, shelter and other necessities; and
- If shelter in place is recommended, you will be given appropriate instructions.

YOUR JOB is to recognize a warning signal, stay calm and follow the protective action recommendations of the local officials and emergency managers.

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Your community's emergency capabilities, resources and training to handle any kind of disaster are being enhanced. The enhancements are funded by Congress through the Army as part of its mandate for "maximum protection" of the public now and until the chemical agent stockpiles have been eliminated.

In addition to sirens and tone-alert radios, upgrades to local emergency preparedness and response capabilities include:

- Training of emergency responders
- Communications and command and control equipment, systems and facilities
- Automated on-post and off-post emergency management information systems for pre-emergency planning, response and recovery from an accident
- Public education campaigns and materials to inform the public about the program and what to expect and do if a chemical agent accident occurs

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All of these efforts are based on plans, decisions and needs identified by your community with the help of state and federal program partners (primarily the Army and the Federal Emergency Management Agency).

The enhancements of your community's emergency preparedness and response capabilities achieved through this cooperative local/state/federal program are significant. They add safeguards for you and your family

– not only for the unlikely event of a chemical agent accident, but also for other natural and man-made emergencies.

And, the bonus is that the knowledge and resources gained through the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program will remain in your community after the chemical stockpiles have been eliminated.